

Arts ENTERTAINMENT



Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson (A General Motors Mark Of Excellence Presentation): Actor Ossie Davis (right) is the narrator for Thomas Jefferson, a new film by Ken Burns (left) about one of our nation's most eloquent presidents. The "General Motors Mark of Excellence Presentation" will be broadcast on PBS Tuesday, Feb. 18, and Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997 (9:00-10:30 PM, ET, each night). [Check local listing].

Credit: Alvin Levine/General Motor

BLACKSTREET: Another Level



Teddy "Street" Riley, heralded composer/producer/singer and leader of platinum soul supergroup Blackstreet, power-crooner and groupco-founder Chauncey "Black" Hannibal, and talented new members Eric Williams and Mark Middleton, take R&B to another Level for '96-and far beyond. Like its title suggests, and introduced by the funkified, feel-good lead single "No Diggity" (produced by Riley

and William Stewart, and featuring a phat rap intro by Dr. Dre), the impressive new Interscope album elevates contemporary urban music, expanding its soulful parameters in the process. "Another Level is a reflection of where Blackstreet has been, where we're at and where we're going," explains Teddy, acclaimed architect of the historic '80s R&B/hip-hop revolution still globally revered as "New Jack Swing."



Jazz Saxophonist Joshua Redman to Perform at Lewis & Clark College

Red-hot jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman (left) will bring his brand of passionate jazz, classic ballads and blues to Lewis & Clark College, Saturday, Feb. 22.

Cupid takes aim at Parkmont High



Romance is in the air as the Valentine's Day dance approaches on "Dangerous Minds." The episode entitled "Everybody Wants It" introduces Meredith Monroe as Tracy Daiken, a new student to the Academy Program who quickly sets her sights on Gusmaro (Greg Serano).

The episode, written by Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider and directed by Michael Lange, airs Monday, February 10 at 8:00 PM (ET/PT) on ABC.

Cupid's hard work is a qualified success, with a couple of hits and a number of misses. Gusmaro (Serano) is equally attracted to the well-to-do Tracy (Monroe) and looks forward to the upcoming dance, despite his reservations about their different economic and social backgrounds. Louanne (Annie Potts) agrees to chaperone the Valentine's Dance with Jerome Griffin (Michael Jace) where the evening seems to take an unexpected turn for them. Romantic disappointments begin with Blanca (Maria Costa), who is unhappy when

Gusmaro appears at the dance with Tracy. Alvina (LaToya Howlett) has her hopes dashed when the handsome Andre (Sean Parhm) asks another girl to the dance. Cornelius' (Vicellous Reon Shannon) hesitation costs him a second date with Callie (Tamala Jones), who agrees to go to the dance with another student, James (Cedrick Terrell) and Garrity (Jeff Cahill) swear off women -- at least momentarily -- when they attempt to follow the "Path of the White Crane Warrior."

Meanwhile, Louanne's finances force her to take a second job as a waitress, but it's quickly -- and embarrassingly -- apparent that her temperament is unsuitable for the job.

"Dangerous Minds" is produced by Predawn Productions and Don Simpson/Jerry Bruckheimer productions in association with Touchstone Television. Executive producers are Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer, Ronald Bass and Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider. Michael Vitte is co-executive producer.

Romance fills the air at Parkmont High's Valentine's Day Dance when (top) faculty chaperones Louanne Johnson (Annie Potts) and Jerome Griffin (Michael Jace) take a quick photo, while (bottom left) new Parkmont student Tracy (Meredith Monroe) and Gusmaro (Greg Serano) share a quiet moment. (Bottom right) meanwhile, Callie (Tamala Jones) and Cornelius (Vicellous Reon Shannon) enjoy a private party at home when Callie's sick daughter forces her to forgo the festivities in "Dangerous Minds," airing Monday, February 10 at 8:00 PM (ET/PT) on ABC.

THE SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE

Next up at Portland Center Stage is Jane Wagner's effervescent comedy The Search of Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe.

The play is running from February 8 through March 8, in the Intermediate Theatre of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

The 1985 play, originally performed as a one-woman show on Broadway by Lily Tomlin, now features three actors, Betsey Cassall, Sharonlee McLean and Sherry Ray, playing a variety of roles centering on Trudy, a bag

lady who is expecting alien visitors from outer space.

As a book, the play has been an international best-seller.

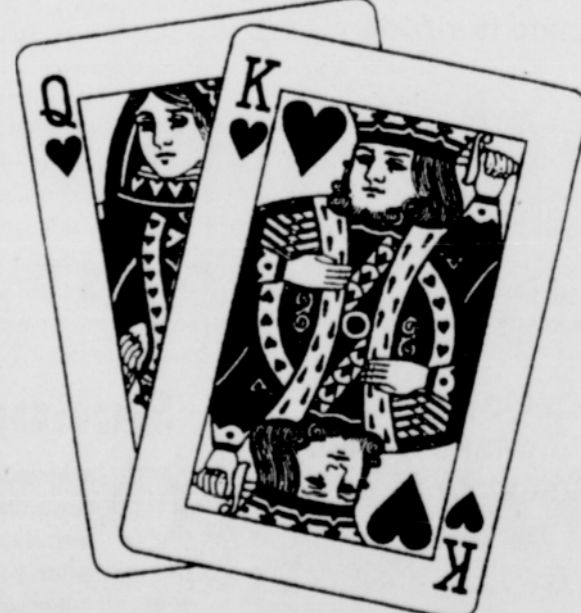
The show is directed by Jacqueline Moscou, who directed last season's From the Mississippi Delta at PCS, with scenic design by Michael C. Smith, costumes by Rose Pederson, lighting by Michael Holcombe, and sound design by Steven M. Klein.

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